

worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

GREGG HARPER,  
Chairman, Committee on House  
Administration.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
Washington, DC, July 5, 2017.

Hon. GREGG HARPER,  
Chairman, Committee on House Administration,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. I agree that the Committee on House Administration has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on House Administration is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, DC, June 30, 2017.

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. THORNBERRY: I am writing concerning H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018.

This legislation contains provisions within the Committee on Agriculture's Rule X jurisdiction. As a result of your having consulted with the Committee and in order to expedite this bill for floor consideration, the Committee on Agriculture will forego action on the bill. This is being done on the basis of our mutual understanding that doing so will in no way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture with respect to the appointment of conferees, or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation.

I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding, and would request that you include a copy of this letter and your response in the Committee Report and in the Congressional Record during the floor consideration of this bill. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

K. MICHAEL CONAWAY,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
Washington, DC, July 5, 2017.

Hon. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY,  
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. I agree that the Committee on Agriculture has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Agriculture is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,  
Washington, DC, July 5, 2017.

Hon. MAC THORNBERRY,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THORNBERRY: I am writing regarding H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, which the Committee on Armed Services ordered reported on June 28, 2017.

The bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget. In order to expedite House consideration of H.R. 2810, the Committee on the Budget will forgo action on the bill. This is being done with the understanding that it does not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in H.R. 2810 or similar legislation and that the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as this bill or similar legislation moves forward so that the Committee may address any remaining issues that fall within its jurisdiction. The Committee on the Budget also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation and requests your support of any such request.

I also request that you include this letter and your response as part of your committee's report on H.R. 2810 and in the Congressional Record during its consideration on the House floor.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I look forward to working with you as this bill moves through the Congress.

Sincerely,

DIANE BLACK,  
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
Washington, DC, July 5, 2017.

Hon. DIANE BLACK,  
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, House of  
Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. I agree that the Committee on the Budget has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on the Budget is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
Chairman.

H.R. 2810

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the following exchange of letters be included in the RECORD on H.R. 2810:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COM-  
MITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE  
WORKFORCE,  
Washington, DC, July 5, 2017.

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House  
of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing to con-  
firm our mutual understanding with respect

to H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authoriza-  
tion Act for Fiscal Year 2018. Thank you for  
consulting with the Committee on Education  
and the Workforce with regard to H.R. 2810  
on those matters within the Committee's ju-  
risdiction.

In the interest of expediting the House's  
consideration of H.R. 2810, the Committee on  
Education and the Workforce will forgo fur-  
ther consideration of this bill. However, I do  
so only with the understanding this proce-  
dural route will not be construed to preju-  
dice my committee's jurisdictional interest  
and prerogatives on this bill or any other  
similar legislation and will not be considered  
as precedent for consideration of matters of  
jurisdictional interest to my committee in  
the future.

I respectfully request your support for the  
appointment of outside conferees from the  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
should this bill or a similar bill be consid-  
ered in a conference with the Senate. I also  
request you include our exchange of letters  
on this matter in the Committee Report on  
H.R. 2810 and in the Congressional Record  
during consideration of this bill on the  
House Floor. Thank you for your attention  
to these matters.

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA FOXX,  
Chairwoman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
Washington, DC, July 5, 2017.

Hon. VIRGINIA FOXX,  
Chairwoman, Committee on Education and the  
Workforce, House of Representatives, Wash-  
ington, DC.

DEAR MADAM CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you for  
your letter regarding H.R. 2810, the National  
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
2018. I agree that the Committee on Edu-  
cation and the Workforce has valid jurisdic-  
tional claims to certain provisions in this  
important legislation, and I am most appre-  
ciative of your decision not to request a re-  
ferral in the interest of expediting consid-  
eration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a  
sequential referral, the Committee on Edu-  
cation and the Workforce is not waiving its  
jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of let-  
ters will be included in the committee report  
on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,  
Washington, DC, July 5, 2017.

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Wash-  
ington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THORNBERRY: I write to  
confirm our mutual understanding regarding  
H.R. 2810, the "National Defense Authoriza-  
tion Act for Fiscal Year 2018." While the leg-  
islation does contain provisions within the  
jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and  
Commerce, the Committee will not request a  
sequential referral so that it can proceed ex-  
pediently to the House floor for consid-  
eration.

The Committee takes this action with the  
understanding that its jurisdictional inter-  
ests over this and similar legislation are in  
no way diminished or altered, and that the  
Committee will be appropriately consulted  
and involved as such legislation moves for-  
ward. The Committee also reserves the right  
to seek appointment to any House-Senate  
conference on such legislation and requests  
your support when such a request is made.

Finally, I would appreciate a response to  
this letter confirming this understanding  
and ask that a copy of our exchange of let-  
ters be included in the Congressional Record

during consideration of H.R. 2810 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

GREG WALDEN,  
*Chairman.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
*Washington, DC, July 5, 2017.*

Hon. GREG WALDEN,  
*Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. I agree that the Committee on Energy and Commerce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
*Chairman.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
*Washington, DC, June 30, 2017.*

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN THORNBERRY: I am writing to you regarding H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Financial Services.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, I am willing to waive this committee's right to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill the Committee on Financial Services does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in

the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this committee to any conference committee which is named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 2810 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

JEB HENSARLING,  
*Chairman.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
*Washington, DC, July 5, 2017.*

Hon. JEB HENSARLING,  
*Chairman, Committee on Financial Services,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. I agree that the Committee on Financial Services has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Financial Services is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
*Chairman.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC, June 30, 2017.*

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
*Chairman, House Armed Services Committee,  
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, which contains substantial matter that falls within the Rule X legisla-

tive jurisdiction of the Foreign Affairs Committee. I appreciate the cooperation that allowed us to work out mutually agreeable text on numerous matters prior to your markup.

Based on that cooperation and our associated understandings, the Foreign Affairs Committee will not seek a sequential referral or object to floor consideration of the bill text approved at your Committee markup. This decision in no way diminishes or alters the jurisdictional interests of the Foreign Affairs Committee in this bill, any subsequent amendments, or similar legislation. I request your support for the appointment of House Foreign Affairs conferees during any House-Senate conference on this legislation.

Finally, I respectfully request that you include this letter and your response in your committee report on the bill and in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 2810 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

EDWARD R. ROYCE,  
*Chairman.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
*Washington, DC, July 5, 2017.*  
Hon. EDWARD R. ROYCE,  
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. I agree that the Committee on Foreign Affairs has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Foreign Affairs is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
*Chairman.*